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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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To Those Who Still Serve,

As your proud legacy reminds us, we are the greatest Army the world has ever known because of the sacrifice and selfless service you bestowed upon it during your faithful tenure. We are proud and thankful of your service.

As you know, today's Army is very busy. We have over 241,000 Soldiers serving around the world in more than 120 countries. Many of them stand against those who would do our nation harm. Because of the global threats we face today, we must continue to recruit America's best and brightest. We are doing all we can as an Army but there is still more we can do as a nation.

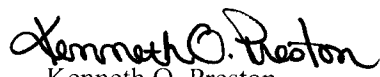
I am addressing this letter to our brothers and sisters who have served our Army because you can understand better than anyone how important it is for us to maintain the "All Volunteer Force" we have worked so hard to nurture and grow.

With your support, we can ensure we meet today's challenges and those in the future. Through the use of our current technology, we can grow closer as a service of potential recruits, current Soldiers and veterans.

The U.S. Army has teamed up with NCO Net at <https://nconet.bcks.army.mil> to provide an interactive knowledge center where Soldiers and veterans can go to learn about specific initiatives to help in our recruiting and retention efforts. It is also a source to get up to speed on where the Army is and where it is going. As part of the interactive environment, the website allows you to leave your input on various Army initiatives which can be read and acted upon by our senior enlisted leaders. It is a place where we can all collaborate with each other to make the best of our initiatives and programs.

To enter the site, you must first possess an Army Knowledge Center (AKO) username and password. It is a simple registration following the directions on www.us.army.mil website. If you have difficulty registering you can contact my Public Affairs NCO, Master Sergeant Jose Velazquez at jose.Velazquez@hqda.army.mil or the Chief of the NCO Net website, Mr. Joe Pearson at joe.c.pearson@us.army.mil or phone 915-568-9267 or Net Forum Leader, Mr. Neil Stenzel at neil.stenzel@us.army.mil or 915-568-8420.

Let there be no question, we are an Army at war, supporting a Nation at war. We need your support because as we have always said, "once a Soldier, always a Soldier". I look forward to the dialogue, ideas and collaboration. America's Army, Hooah!


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